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The Senate met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Lord, You stand knocking at the door of our hearts and this Senate Chamber. Once again You make the first move. You come to us in a new way each day. We have learned that yesterday's experience of fellowship with You or guidance from You will not be sufficient for today's challenges. You seek entrance into every facet of our lives and our work. The latch always is on the inside. Today, we have a choice to open the door or leave it shut in Your face.

All-powerful Lord, You have the secret of victorious living. It is Your indwelling, impelling power within us that makes the difference between a great or a grim day. We are alarmed by the number of days spent in self-propelled effort, simply because we didn't begin the day by opening the door of our hearts to You.

Who are we to deserve such attention from You? Then we remember that it is Your grace and not our goodness that motivates Your persistence. You have work to do here in this Senate and You plan to do it through us. Come, Lord; You are welcome. Reign supreme in this Chamber and in our hearts. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT of Mississippi, is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Thank you, Mr. President.

### THE CHAPLAIN

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I want to say what a great pleasure it is to have a Chaplain who puts us to bed with prayer at night, as he did last night at

the Library of Congress, and gets us started off with prayer in the morning on the floor of the Senate. We appreciate him very much.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today, the Senate will resume consideration of Senate Joint Resolution 18, the Hollings resolution on a constitutional amendment on campaign expenditures. It is my hope the minority leader and I can reach an agreement as to when the Senate will complete action on this resolution. I have discussed this with the Senator from South Carolina. I still think maybe there is a possibility we can get an agreement and get a vote on it tonight, but if not tonight, we will converse with the sponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 18 and see when we could get a vote on it. If not tonight, it could actually not occur until Tuesday morning. But we will discuss that and make an announcement later on today.

Rollcall votes are possible throughout today's session. It is also possible that prior to completing our business this week, the Senate may be asked to consider the independent counsel resolution. The Judiciary Committee is scheduled to meet today. Hopefully, they can take some action in this area, hopefully in a bipartisan way. That would be helpful.

In addition, it is my hope we will be able to reach a time agreement for consideration of the nomination of Merrick Garland to be the U.S. circuit judge for the District Circuit. I am thinking about the probability of that occurring on Tuesday, maybe Tuesday morning, with a time agreement. We had been thinking perhaps 3 hours equally divided would be sufficient, but we will need to get a final arrangement on that. We do have some Senators who want to speak on this nomination.

I think a lot of the concern on this one is not so much with the nominee as

with the circuit. The D.C. circuit actually has one of the lowest caseloads in the country, and it is declining. It has declined pretty perceptively, even in the last year or so. There is a question about how much need there is for additional judges on that circuit. So there will be some discussion about that.

Again, I hope that rollcall vote can occur on Tuesday morning. We maybe could have done it today or Friday, but because of the constitutional amendment and other issues pending, we felt Tuesday morning would give us time to work it out. I expect the Senate to convene on Monday, but this time I do not anticipate any rollcall votes during Monday's session. I would like to note that, again, for the Democratic leader, that while we may be in session, I don't foresee at this time the need to have a recorded vote during the day on Monday. I do know there are Senators who have commitments who necessarily have to be away from the city, but we will want to have votes as soon as we can on Tuesday.

Mr. President, I have no further comments at this time. I will be glad to yield the floor to the Democratic leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROBERTS). The Democratic leader is recognized.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, let me thank the distinguished majority leader for his announcements regarding the schedule. I agree completely with his assessment of the need to define a time agreement for Merrick Garland. I hope 3 hours can be sufficient. I can't imagine that we would need more than that amount of time. Obviously, there are issues unrelated to Mr. Garland that need to be addressed.

I was interested in the Judicial Conference statement just this week, the 27-judge group, chaired by Chief Rehnquist, actually called upon Congress to create more judges. The group

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